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Gov. Edwards cuts funding

Budget cuts befall university; tuition increase planned

Katharyn Howe
Managing Editor

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will become very familiar to many college students next semester, as they will be saving to pay higher tuition to help make up for the 7.3 percent cut ordered by Gov. Edwin Edwards recently.

The cut, which translates into \$670,000, will be felt campus-wide, with the largest portion of it being made up with a tuition increase. Part-time students will average an increase of about \$5 per semester hour more for fewer than 11 hours. And instead of paying \$740 for 11 hours and above, Chancellor John Darling has proposed to the LSU Board of Supervisors that students pay \$910 for 12-14 hours, and for students taking 15 hours and more, tuition could be \$985.

The tuition increase, however, will not cover the entire budget cut amount, but Darling said Thursday that he hopes it will account for nearly \$417,000.

At this point, however, the tuition figures are simply proposals. The Board will meet on Oct. 9 to discuss tuition increases.

Although the tuition increase is highly visible, several other areas on campus will feel the budget cut pinch, as well. Already, the administration has issued a freeze on new hiring, cut out new equipment purchases and eliminated professional travel budgets.

"Things in which the university is required to be represented, we will try to support," Darling said.

Although full-time faculty and staff positions have so far been

excluded from this severe cut, several student workers will be looking for jobs, and some part-time staff and adjunct professors may be eliminated in the spring.

Dean Lawrence Clark of the College of Business said this decrease in staffing may affect the number of courses that can be offered next spring because he will have fewer adjunct professors. However, Clark said he doesn't want this to affect students who are currently seniors.

"We will accommodate any student who is scheduled to graduate in May or August," he said. "We'll make an adjustment."

The chancellor has proposed that courses offering multiple sections be consolidated, meaning larger classes, and Friday afternoon classes will be eliminated next spring in keeping with a 4.5 weekday schedule.

Darling said the new schedule will not affect the Monday, Wednesday, Friday regular class schedule for classes offered before noon, but as some students will experience this week, office hours on Fridays will be until noon. This measure, which went into effect Oct. 5, was proposed with the intention of helping to cut down on utilities expenses.

But closing the campus on weekends may cause problems for some students, as well. Students will not be able to use the library on weekends, and Clark said business students accustomed to using the computer lab in the BE building on Sundays will be out of luck.

Library Director Laurene Zaporozhetz decided to make changes in operating hours in keep-

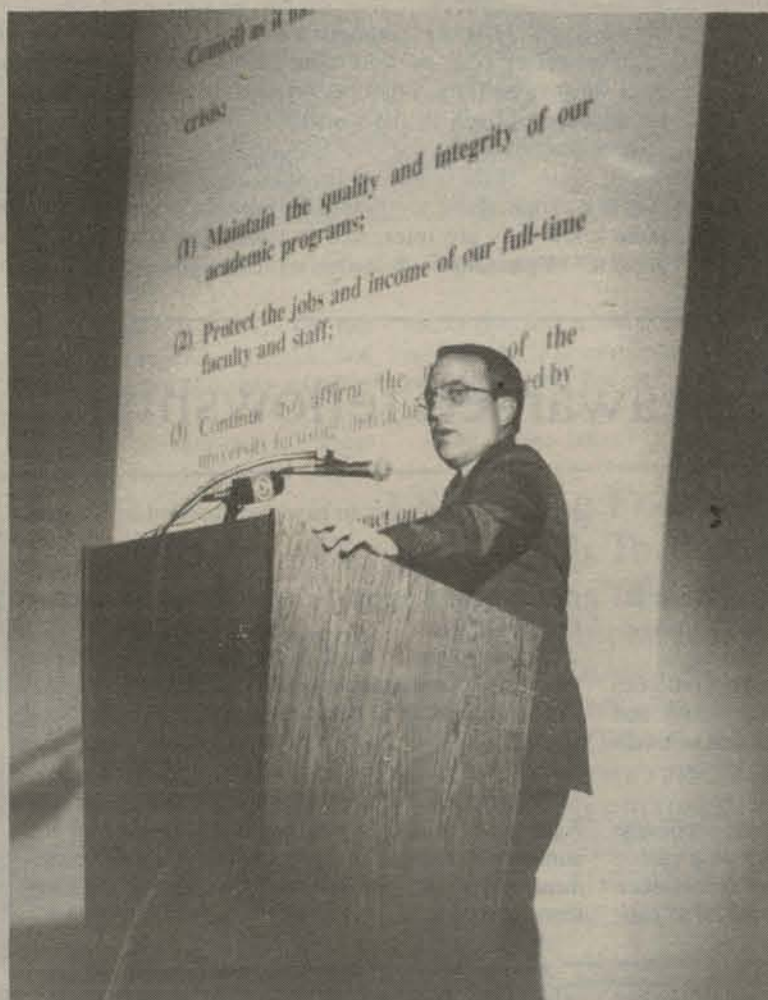


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Chancellor John Darling

ing with the proposed 4.5 day work week. Effective yesterday, the new library hours will be from 7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. The library will remain closed throughout the weekend.

"I think it's going to be difficult on students," Zaporozhetz said. "If everybody has to cut back, we have

to cut back, too. . . . It has to be something visible."

Darling also proposed that non-university usage of university facilities be restricted, except those which would be financially beneficial to do so. In addition, he plans to make registration for students with fee-exemptions on a space-available basis.

Students turn out for budget forum

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Managing Editor

An overwhelming number of students, faculty, staff and media turned out Wednesday for an open forum with Chancellor John Darling to discuss proposed measures to help make up the \$670,000 budget cut facing LSUS.

Although students were unhappy about a tuition increase next spring, another issue emerged from the forum which is of immediate concern for them.

In the chancellor's proposal, he submitted that fee-exempt students or students with tuition waivers should register on a space-available basis "because students who are paying, I think deserve the first shot," Darling said.

But this proposal met with disapproval by several members of the National Guard.

George Bagley, senior criminal justice major and National Guardsman, felt it was unfair that because he did not pay tuition due to his enlistment, he would be pushed to the back of the line during registration. His concern was echoed by many other students who fell into this same category.

"For them to say I'm not just as good a student as everybody else is a slap in the face," Bagley said. "For them to tell me I gave six years of my life, . . . and say that I have to

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SGA sponsoring constitutional convention forum

Derek Johnson
Almagest

Instead of "Meet the Press," it will be a "Meet your Legislator" when a representative student panel will question Louisiana legislators in an open Constitutional Convention Forum on Oct. 14.

The Student Government Association is

sponsoring the forum, to be held at 7 p.m. in the University Center theatre, that will allow a panel of six to 10 students to ask about budget cuts, and primarily about the increase in tuition. Afterwards, the floor will be opened for questions from the general public.

Vincent Mangum, SGA vice president, organized the forum with the help of Dale

Kaiser, president pro tempore.

"I want to give the students and the public the chance to voice their frustrations and concerns," Mangum said. "The administration is not to blame, [the legislators] are the people who voted on the budget cuts."

SGA President Joel Morgan said the forum

is an excellent way to open discussion about the budget cuts.

"It's about reforms in the Louisiana Constitution, which we will have to vote on," he said. "I want the students to come together and become politically active. I expect it to be an interesting forum, and I hope all of the legislators can make it. I will definitely be there to voice my concerns."

News

— JOBS —

Successful interviewing can be easy with preparation

Part 2 of 4

Meridith Orr
Features Editor

You've painstakingly created your power resume. You've followed that up with a phone call to the employer. Then you're invited to an interview. Suddenly panic sets in. How do you prepare?

"Eighty percent of successful interviewing is what you do before you walk in the door," says Bill Stowe, director of the LSUS Career Center. Again, he stressed research as a must.

"Employers are turned off by people who don't know what their company does, or who are unrealistic in their expectations, who want too much money," Stowe said.

"Know yourself, what you have to offer, and be able to articulate it in an assertive, but not aggressive way," said Stowe, adding that the Career Center can help job seekers with interviewing through workshops and provid-

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ing suggested answers to particular questions.

Rebecca Hogan, an administrative assistant with Creative Staffing, urges interviewees to be honest and open in their dealings with prospective employers.

"Be frank. If the job involves something they don't know about, they should at least let them know they are interested in learning about it," Hogan said.

Hogan also offered some other practical tips for a successful interview. "First and foremost . . . I hate to say it, but people really do judge appearances, so being well-groomed is number one. It's also important to be relaxed."

"Don't carry a lot of stuff with you," she continued. "Have your application ready and neat, so you don't have to fumble around for it. Have a list of references with their phone

numbers handy. Often interviewees will end up asking for the phone book to look them up, which is not very professional."

Like Stowe, Hogan recommends that interviewees do their homework. "If you have questions about a job, you may want to write them down in a notebook and bring them with you. You can also jot down questions you're being interviewed."

What do the employers themselves look for? "The ability to think on one's feet," says Carolyn Sheridan, Manager-Management Employment/College Relations for Bell Southern. "When I'm interviewing someone, I look for their ability to present their credentials to me in a logical, concise manner."

Gregory Smith, an agent for New York Life Insurance, also agreed that attitude is a key factor. "It comes from being excited about doing what you do. It's where [the employer] draws encouragement."

"We're looking for someone who's open-minded," added Ron Barber, sales manager for New York Life.

Biology students awarded fellowships

Michelle Millhollon
Almagest

Two biology students have been awarded the opportunity of a lifetime by the American Heart Association.

Jonathan Danese and Jeremy Jacobs were both granted fellowships in June by the association and each were given \$600 to fund independent research projects.

The fellowships are granted annually to encourage students some sort of scientific research as a career. The recipients must submit a progress report once their project is completed and are encouraged to publish a paper on their research.

"I get the experience of doing a research project and hopefully a published paper will result and that will help me get into graduate school," Danese said.

Danese and Jacobs are working in conjunction with the Museum of Life Sciences on their projects.

Danese is studying a species of snake called the *Storeria Dekayi*. He hopes to find out whether offspring of a female snake of this species retains the traits of its mother. Much of his time is devoted to this

project, but he hopes to have it completed by December.

"It's been kind of tight since school started," Danese said. "I hope to be almost done with it during Christmas break."

Danese plans to work in the Smithsonian Institute this summer and study animal symatics. He will graduate in December of next year and then go to graduate school.

"I hope to get into working with the Department of Agriculture or the Department of the Interior, or my number one thing would be working with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries," he said of his long-term career goals.

Jeremy Jacobs is doing his project on the spotted salamander. He speculates that there may be two different species, not just one.

He, like Danese, plans to be through with his research by the end of the semester. Afterward he would like to do another research project for fun.

After graduation from graduate school in a few years, he won't be leaving the classroom behind. He wants to teach biology on the college level. "I enjoy what I'm doing," he said.

Forum

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stand in the back of the line, is insulting."

Darling said there are primarily two areas of fee-exemption: senior citizens and the members of the National Guard.

"Senior citizens audit most of their classes, so it's really not that much of a problem," he said.

Darling said that universities state-wide will adopt a similar sys-

tem in view of the budget cuts which it comes to the National Guard. I said something like his space-able registration could be adopted but so far, he said nothing concrete has been established.

"It is my understanding that universities will treat National Guard members in the same way," Darling said.

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Sports

Winning season continues to evade Pilot soccer team

William Smith
Almagest

An old saying teaches that life isn't always easy when you're at the top, but Pilot soccer coach Jesse Demello feels it doesn't get any easier at the bottom.

The Pilot soccer team, playing its first season as a varsity team, is approaching mid-season and is still waiting for their first win with a record of 0-7. Demello doesn't, however, see the team getting much better.

Demello only returned four of last year's 15 players and three of this year's 11 players have never played soccer. Not only is Demello having to coach the players on strategy, but he's also simultaneously trying to teach some of the players the basic fundamentals of the game.

"We are playing some (NCAA) Division I schools that have a drastic advantage in experience level," he said. Demello went on to add that his team is having to learn about the game on the field, while his opponents are usually well prepared.

"We are always playing under pressure. This forces bad decisions and hurts the confidence level of our

players," Demello said.

Although this season there will definitely be no post-season play for the Pilots, Demello feels that the team can still accomplish a lot.

"We'll try to instill confidence in the players by trying to play sound defense as a team. It's important for the players to know that they can stop the other team from scoring," he said.

Defense will be the key for the Pilots in the second half of this season. While the Pilots are only attempting about 10 shots on goal every game, their opponents are averaging 40 or 50. This difference has been reflected in the scores as well. The Pilots lost to Ambassador College 9-0 in the season opener, 6-0 to Centenary on September 24, and 8-0 to Dallas Baptist University on September 29.

Despite the losing record, Demello has found some reason for hope on his team. In addition to the four returning players from last year's team, Kenny White, Victor Maniero, Chuck Shamsie, and Jason Sanders, Demello felt freshman John Maniero (younger brother of Victor) has also played well.

The current budget woes won't



Photo by Tim Greening

#18 Cory Simmons dribbles upfield during the game against the Centenary J.V. Team. Centenary won 6-0.

help his team either. LSUS has had a problem retaining athletes, and increased tuition will only make the problem worse.

"Some students that are great

soccer players can't afford full-time tuition which in-turn creates eligibility problems for us," Demello said.

The Pilots travel to William

Carey College in Gulfport, Mississippi this Saturday, October 10. They return home for a four game stand October 18 for a match against Belhaven College.

Shaw readies team for new season

Jackie Day
Almagest

Practice began last week for the LSUS men's basketball team and although they did not have a winning season last year, they are looking forward to a season of improvement.

"We are going to be better," Head Coach Leon Shaw said.

The team has 22 people trying out. During practice, players work hard under the scrutinizing eye of Coach Shaw and Assistant Coach, David Geer. Shaw is not going to cut anyone because he "figures it'll have a way of handling itself," Shaw said.

Players have an optimistic attitude about the upcoming season.

"We have more people with spirit that are just out of high school and they are in a tradition of winning," Arthur Hicks, a senior criminal justice major said. Hicks, who was ineligible last semester, has regained his eligibility and is ready to play.

Shaw said having all of the team's starters back is a definite advantage. Some of the players have played together three seasons, giving them continuity.

In addition to having their old line-up they have some new blood, too. Two new players, Chris Young and Trey Bergeret, both started at Byrd, Shaw said. Adam Sepulvado, a senior HPE major, thinks the team

is definitely competitive.

Injuries are something that seems to haunt any athletic team. Chad McDowell, a sophomore business major, separated his shoulder last week in a flag football game, knocking him out of play for about 4 weeks. This could have an impact on the team because McDowell is a starting player.

Geer is excited about the upcoming season. He is a full-time special education teacher at Southwood High School, keeping his schedule pretty full. So what keeps him with the Pilots?

"I love basketball, and it's a challenge," Geer said. "And I wanted to get a program started."

Shaw, who is also a special education teacher, at Woodlawn High School, is very dedicated to his team. He walks around during practice and the players know who is boss!

His budget did not take a cut from last year, but he is worried about the impact of the tuition increase. Every student that does not return to school next semester will take away \$10 from the overall athletic budget. The team as of now will stay out of town only occasionally because of money.

The Pilots will scrimmage East Texas Baptist University on Oct. 24 and their regular season opens in Dallas on Nov. 7.

LSUS Flag Football
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Standings as of 10/1/92

1. NAUGHTY BY NATURE	(7-1)	UNCERTAIN FUTURE WITHOUT QB
2. OUTCASTS	(6-1)	TEAM UNITY IN DOUBT
3. NO DUNG	(6-2)	UNEVEN PERFORMERS
4. WHO'S ON FIRST	(5-3)	COMING ON STRONG
5. DREAM TEAM	(5-4)	GOOD FIRST EFFORT
6. PHI DELTA THETA	(4-5)	SLEEPER ON THE TOURNAMENT
7. KAPPA SIGMA	(3-5)	NEED HELP BAD
8. SHOOTERS	(3-5)	SHOULD WIN FIRST GAME
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Another view

Higher education deserves more esteem in legislature

Hats off to Chancellor John Darling for his recent open forum to discuss the 7.3 percent budget cut that recently befell the LSUS campus.

The open forum was a great success as more than 200 students, faculty and staff attended to hear the chancellor's proposals to the state Board of Regents to meet the cut called for by Gov. Edwin Edwards two weeks ago. Both students and faculty alike took the opportunity to ask questions concerning the rise in tuition, potential restructuring of registration for fee-exempt students, new library hours and student workers and part-time faculty layoffs.

Faced with cutting \$670,000, the chancellor was forced to take drastic measures in a short period of time, with tuition increases at the top of the list. Students expected this increase, but many students were unhappy with some of the other measures proposed by the chancellor. Many were unhappy about changes in library hours, the possibility for fee-exempt students, primarily National Guardsmen, having to register on a space available basis, and the forum allowed them to air their complaints, as well as to offer their suggestions.

One student suggested that students who pay their fees by deferment be allowed four installments, as opposed to three. Darling was receptive to this idea and asked, in public, that the vice chancellor of business affairs look into the feasibility of this measure.

By allowing a free exchange of information, Darling was able to include the members of this university in the decision-making process of how to deal with the recent budget crisis.

But there is more to be done.

For students and faculty who are unhappy with new library hours that close at noon Fridays and remain closed on weekends, they should continue to make themselves heard. Students and administrators can work together to make a compromise in this area, especially because this is an internal measure and does not have to be approved by the state.

For National Guardsmen and other fee-exempt students, the matter should not be left alone in regards to their registration status.

But the real issue is opening a dialogue with our legislators. These men are the ones who can keep this from happening every year when the state gets into financial trouble. These men are the ones who need to stop asking us to dig deeper into our pockets to make up for their brainstorms and pay raises. These men need to work with us, as well.

Library Director Laurene Zaporozhietz suggested a way to do this is to write letters to them. She has provided their names and addresses in the library. Or take it a step further, call their offices. Tell them that higher education deserves more esteem in the legislature. After all, they have college educations or they wouldn't be where they are.

Tell them sacrificing colleges and universities, their students, faculty and staff, is not the way to balance the budget. Tell them you're tired of making up for other areas lacking.

Tell them that if we have to feel a pinch, everyone should. Tell them that if they don't consider you, when you go to the polls, you'll remember it.

— Katharyn Howe

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by ROBERT HORNAK



Ancient Chinese secrets

Candidates wrangle for power on chess board

The nation was at once stunned and relieved last week as George Bush and Bill Clinton at last faced off in an unprecedented chess match for ultimate control of the White House.

Initial squabbles concerning the location of the games were quelled, only to be replaced by party infighting over what to do about newly re-declared candidate Ross Perot. A House sub-committee on Presidential Board Games declared that to appease Mr. Perot the match would be held at his house, where he would be in charge of lemonade and pretzels.

In a press conference President Bush said, "I thought it was high time we brought this thing to a head. And what purer game than chess is there to prove superior mastery of tactical logic AND sportsmanship?"

Governor Clinton stated, "Oh, I've got full confidence that I'll beat him. We played a lot of chess in that van going across Canada in the late Sixties. Lotsa chess."

That the match paralleled the much-ballyhooed Fischer-Spassky battle overseas is no coincidence. The Bush-Clinton bout organizers saw it as an opportunity to combine the highly touted intensity of a professional chess spar with the often ridiculed methodology of an American presidential race.

The best-of-three match was played upon a stocky mahogany table in Perot's eastern lawn where an eager press corps gathered last Tuesday hours before the opening move. Once begun, the cameras whirled and flashed, sending Bush into a fury of scolding condemnations and harsh demands for the removal of the press. Calm returned,

and Bush vented his anger upon the playing field, wielding supreme his nubile pawns and flexing authoritatively with his vexing royal penetration. Clinton's 29th move proved suicidal as he advanced a crucial pawn, laying bare a groveling and defenseless bishop and ultimately betraying the king himself.

"Blunder!" shouted Bush. Failing to find the legality of such an exclamation in the Official Laws of the World Chess Federation, judges shaved a minute off of the Chief Executive's clock on his next turn. Penalties notwithstanding, the President pulled down a decided victory.

The match resumed on Thursday with Clinton astoundingly confident, despite his humiliating loss earlier in the week. Having studied up, he began his game with the shocking Alkhine's Defense, knocking Bush for a loop. But the Commander-in-Chief successfully perried the assault with a hardy Queen's Gambit.

As the first move of each method were all either knew, the game quickly sank into surrealism. Pieces darted and streaked roughshod across the field, breaking ranks and ripping through files with all the

finesse and cunning of Caligula. Stunning breeches of decency amidst a series of whirlwind exchanges led to the mutual destruction of each candidates' front lines, leaving one another helpless to the ominous advancement of deadly rooks and knights. When the blood-letting ceased and the dust settled, Clinton emerged the ragged but jubilant victor, to Bush's defeated embarrassment.

The games were tied one-to-one. The country was in the grips of spine-dripping suspense to see who would rise from Saturday's table the President of the number one superpower. Then, just as the clocks were being set and the warriors were seating Mr. Perot threw up his hands and shouted, "I have changed my mind! Ya'll find some other place to play," and dragged his mahogany table back inside.

Nervous about leaving the fate of the free world to the movement of little ivory statues anyway, the leaders of each camp withdrew their candidate from the match and resumed their mud-based campaign efforts. The first ever Presidential Candidate Chess Tourney was a bust and the masses moaned a disappointed moan.

Robert
Hornak



Students pay price for cuts

It's difficult to imagine, but in a few short weeks I will end my academic experience at LSUS. There are some things worth forgetting, and many more worth remembering. One remembrance will be the "low" tuition.

If you return for the spring semester, you'll be paying a lot more for your education and getting a lot less for your money.

Our governor, who garnered much of his political support over the years from educators, once again stabbed higher education in the back.

But, he didn't do this by his own wicked self. Members of the state legislature failed to propose an equitable budget and "Fast Eddie" took the matter into his own hands.

Even so, don't you think the visionaries in Baton Rouge would see the light and realize that hacking higher education to pieces means eventual death for the state?

The schools don't suffer. Sure, they lose funding for special projects, sports programs, a great many of their fine instructors (which are few and hard to come by) and more. The one's to feel the crunch worst are the children and the adults who want and desire to learn. Students

Dixie Herron



will pay the price for these cuts.

Why cut education? Why is there such a great need to cut anything? Wasn't the LOTTERY supposed to generate large sums of money for education and the economy? Where are all those millions going?

I thought a percentage of the income from this statewide raffle was for education. I was wrong. The issue was never voted on. We citizens never voted on how to spend the money, only that we should allow a lottery to exist.

So, where does the money go? You guessed it, into the state's general fund where it pays for whatever project, salary or business trip that needs paying.

After a year of the lottery, we, as a state, are no better off than before the lottery. Sure, some people have benefitted by winning some of the "take," but where is the boon to the state's economy that we thought these monies would generate?

It's really a paradox, isn't it? We complain about taxes being too many and too high and yet we turn around and eagerly give the remainder of our taxed incomes to the government also. The state wins the game with a double play.

It's just distressing to see the present administration cut higher education, by any degree, and not realize the impact these budget cuts will have on the students of this state.

Letters to the Editor

Student blames media for public misconceptions

Dear Editor:

Statisticians in our Census Bureau have released a totally misleading report that there are 30 million Americans living in poverty.

The whole truth is that the poorest 30 million Americans today have a greater share of total United States income than they did 20 years ago. The reality is that there are some poor people lacking shelter, clothing and food. They do need and deserve help but the government is doing a disservice to them and to the rest of us by lying about the number.

The statisticians, based on a single statistic, have declared that 30 million Americans fall below the poverty threshold of \$13,942 for a family of four. They ignore the fact that 40% of these Americans own their own homes.

I blame the liberal media for accepting distorted government statistics which leads to distorted public misconceptions, which leads to imprudent legislation.

If we are going to base public policy on numbers, let's include all of the numbers.

If some, for political or other purposes, want to shame our great nation, then same us for often misdirected philanthropy which has resulted in millions of children without fathers, adults encouraged not to work and the behavioral poverty which perpetuates illegitimacy, crime and school failure.

I am fed up with the politicians trashing our great country when it is the best country on this planet.

Recession is worse in every other industrial nation than it is in ours. Yet with the willing complicity of the liberal media, our country is mean-mouthed day-in and day-out until a lie begins to sound like the truth...WELL IT'S NOT!

Charles M. Partin, Jr.
Accounting

LETTERS POLICY

The *Almagest* requests your reactions through Letters to the Editor. Letters should be typed and doubled-spaced. Please include your Class (Freshman, etc.) and Major field of study. They should be turned in to the *Almagest* office BH 344, by noon on the Tuesday preceeding the Tuesday publication date.

Obscene, libelous, and anonymous letters will not be published. We reserve the right to edit all letters.

Q & A

Q: How will tuition increases and new library hours affect you?

A: "Now, government says I have to work harder in order to pay to go to school. The weekend is the only time I can do research in the library. Can't they take this money out of something else besides education?"

Greg Walker

Psychology/Sophomore

A: "I'm opposed to paying more money. I don't use the library during the weekend.."

Alan Moldshon

Business/Sophomore

A: "The state pays for my education and I use the library during the week."

Stacie Lyons

Elementary Education/Sophomore

A: "It won't affect me at all because my mom pays it. I haven't had a reason to use the library, yet."

Suzette Mann

Pre-Law/Sophomore

A: "There's not enough time to study with the library closed and there's not enough money."

Mykel Russell

Business/Junior

A: "I have a grant, the increase might affect the paying for his books. Library doesn't bother me."

Nichol Turner

Psychology/Freshman

A: "It doesn't bother me because my mom pays for it, and we use the library during the week."

Leslie Lovelace

Biology/Freshman

A: "The increase might make people drop because they can't afford it. It's hard to find a place to study for a major test with the library being closed."

Timothy Robinson

Psychology/Freshman

A: "I don't think it's fair that they're charging more for grad students. With the library being closed, they're cutting off a learning process. This just makes it difficult all around."

Will Henderson

Graduate Student

Campus

BRIEFS

LSUS Intramurals

Oct. 12-13 Volleyball Officials Clinic 9 p.m., Red River Room

Lunchtime Learning

A series of informal lectures concerning current interests will be held on Wednesdays from 12-1 p.m. in the Webster Room of the University Center. "How To Be A Better Lover" will be the topic on Oct. 7.

R.W. Norton Art Gallery

The R.W. Norton Art Gallery has the works of Ansel Adams, an

American master photographer, on exhibition through Nov. 15. The gallery is open to the public without charge. The hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Red River Revel Festival

The 17th annual Red River Revel Festival will be running through Oct. 10. Make plans to be there for all the fun, food and festival activities.

Fall Break

NO CLASSES will be held at LSUS on Friday Oct. 9.

English Club Meeting

The English club will meet in BH 261, Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 10:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Larry Anderson. His topic is "Incubation In Writing." For further information, please call Sandra Chavanne at 865-5593, or 869-2032.

Sociology/Social Work Meeting

On Oct. 8, at 10:30 a.m. the Sociology Department will have a work meeting. Elizabeth Johnston, a social worker for Willis-Knighton will be the guest speaker. All majors invited.

Guest column voices outrage

Dear Students:

We've been robbed again by this state! Tuition is going up! I recently read an article by Cindy Williams, Vice-President of the SGA at NLU, and I think it sums up the outrage we feel at the state's lack of responsibility to higher education. I've foregone my column this week in order to re-print Cindy's column.

State support for higher education — the greatest farce ever-known in Louisiana history. During every election in Louisiana, at least as far back as I can remember, one of the most important issues has been education.

Every candidate comes out in favor of educational reform and having increased funds for it.

But what has been done? Where has all this support gotten us?

In the last 10 years, Louisiana has had fewer increases in funding for higher education than any other state except one. In the Southern region, we come in dead last.

In faculty salaries, we fall 9 percent below the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) average. If other SREB states raise faculty salaries their usual yearly amount, then Louisiana would need a 15.4 percent increase just to meet the average.

Because of low salaries, we cannot lure excellent faculty members away from a state that even gives them adequate — not good, mind you — just adequate pay.

Louisiana created fewer jobs

than any SREB state except West Virginia. Almost twice as many jobs were started in Mississippi as here.

The Corporation for Enterprise Development listed Louisiana as being the least appealing state for development and growth of business.

Virginia, Maryland, Florida and North Carolina have the highest salaries, highest employment and are also leading the other SREB states in economic development.

Businesses are attracted to areas that are dedicated to education, especially those involved in research.

Many people when looking at the figures blame the ruin of the oil and gas industries, but Texas suffered the same kind of destruction and has, unlike Louisiana, increased jobs and salaries for their faculty.

This should show those so-called officials in our state government that to increase business and economic development, we need the best educational system available.

But instead our state offers enormous tax breaks to businesses and in the process have cut areas that need the money such as education, the one thing that could really increase business in the state.

In an article on higher education written in the Indiana Business Review, it was indicated that "for every dollar spent on higher education, the state gets back three dol-

lars in tax revenues generated by economic development activities."

Recommendations for higher education advocated increased higher education funding, faculty salaries and operating funds for libraries, maintenance and equipment.

Recommendations to use 37.5 percent of the lottery proceeds to supplement higher education were proposed. It also advised that the state provide constitutional protection for higher education funding.

Obviously, these recommendations have been taken to heart. And in the state's usual misguided, ignorant, outdated style, anything to improve our state was promptly ignored to make way for more important matters and more influential lobbying groups.

Did anyone ever expect these recommendations to go through? Or as usual, is this just more talk from a governor and representatives whose only concern is being re-elected. Heaven forbid they should ever go down in history books as actually doing something positive for the future of our state.*

If you want to help the LSUS SGA fight for higher education funding, please contact Vincent Mangum, any senator, or myself. Together we can make a difference!

— Joel Morgan
Student Body President

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Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- * SGA Meeting, noon, Red River Room, UC
- * Lunchtime Learning, "How To Be A Better Lover," Webster Room, 12:00-1:00

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

- * Sociology Work Meeting — 10:30

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

- * Fall Break — No classes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- * Miss LSUS Pageant

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

- * Volleyball Officials Clinic, 5-9 p.m., Red River Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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- * Volleyball Officials Clinic, 5-9 p.m., Red River Room

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Features

Beautiful scenery, minimal violence make "Mohicans" great

Meridith Orr
Features Editor

Does "The Last of the Mohicans" live up to its critics' comparison with "Dances With Wolves"? You bet it does.

Oscar-winner Daniel Day-Lewis should send ladies racing for movie theaters with his portrayal of Hawkeye, the adopted son of the Mohawk tribe.

Likewise, men will no doubt be entranced

by the beautiful Madeline Stowe, who does an outstanding job as Cora Munro, the daughter of a British general.

Set in 1757, the film begins in the thick of the French and Indian War, centering the British effort to hold Fort William Henry. Hawkeye (Day-Lewis) rescues Cora (Stowe) and her sister when the British soldiers accompanying them to the fort are ambushed by a tribe of Hurons led by the evil Magua.

Cora is no shrinking violet on the war-torn

frontier. She tends the wounds of the injured soldiers while fending off the Hurons and French armies, and still finds time for romance with Hawkeye. Stowe's appearance in this film more than makes up for her rather wooden performance in "Unlawful Entry" earlier this year.

Viewers will be captivated by the beautiful locations, the excellent soundtrack, and the incredible battle scenes, which keep the vio-

lence to a minimum. The film successfully executes a number of subplots, including Magua's pursuit of General Munro, and the love triangle of Hawkeye, Cora, and her ardent suitor, Major Duncan.

Brilliant direction, great casting, and beautiful visuals make this film one of the year's best.

"The Last of the Mohicans" is rated "R" and is currently shown at Eastgate and Bossier Six Theaters.



MOVIE REVIEW

Lewis, Stowe credible; Mohicans Oscar material

Anne Link
Almagest

A movie that is said by some to rival "Dances With Wolves," "Last of the Mohicans" comes close.

"Mohicans" is based on James Fenimore Cooper's classic novel which is centered around the French and British each wanting to take over the American colonies.

Starring Daniel Day-Lewis as Hawkeye, who is adopted at birth by a Mohican, Cingachook (Russel Means), Lewis explodes onto the scene, leading his followers on a race through the woods in order to keep up with the British army that is being falsely led by Magua (Wes Studi).

Magua is a Huron Indian who is out to get revenge against the white man especially General Munro and his two daughters.

One of Gen. Munro's daughters,

Cora, played by Madeline Stowe, takes a liking to Hawkeye after he saves her and her sister from death.

Throughout the story, the awesome North Carolina landscape serves as a background upon which to focus a particular scene.

Acting by Lewis and Stowe is more than credible. Lewis as the protagonist has us cheering for him even when he betrays Gen. Munro's commands.

Stowe is beautiful and courageous. Her acting ability never falters.

Studi, as the antagonist, is the Huron Indian we love to hate. He is relentless in his pursuit to kill Munro and his offspring.

"Mohicans" puts us in a history lesson not soon to be forgotten. Cooper's novel turned into a screenplay is powerful. Period.

Look for "Last of the Mohicans" in the Oscar nominations.

Determination pays off with diploma

He serves as both mom and dad to his 4-year-old daughter. He works full-time for a large company, and he has been an undergraduate student for 10 years.

For Robert Brown, senior public relations major, college has become a way of life. For 10 years, three hours a night, two nights a week in hard wood chairs, Brown attended classes with a long-term goal in mind. A diploma.

Brown's determination will be paid off in December when he graduates. And he wouldn't change a thing.

"You have to have determination and perseverance to follow through with such a long-term plan," Brown said.

Brown moved to Shreveport in July of 1981. He previously worked for GM in Baltimore, Md., but after the plant closed

down, he transferred to Shreveport.

In the fall of 1982, Brown decided to give college a try. But he could only take night classes, because of his full-time job. Under the advice of faculty, Brown started college with three hours the first semester.

"They wanted me to take one class, since it had been so long since I had been in school," he said. "They didn't want me to get discouraged. I took one class and liked it, so I came back for more."

"The snail-like pace of getting through college has limited the time Brown can spend with his little girl. Since he is her only parent, it is hard for him to spend enough time watching her grow.

But LSUS has been accommodating to Brown's needs, he said. Some classes he had to have were only offered during the

day. LSUS did whatever it could to help Brown.

"Dr. Dalton Cloud has also helped me a lot with required classes versus classes offered at night," Brown said.

GM has been a big factor in Brown's success because it pays 100 percent of his tuition. With the 40 hours a week he puts in at GM, the six hours a week at school, and the little time he has to spend with his daughter, it is an accomplishment for Brown to have maintained a 3.5 G.P.A.

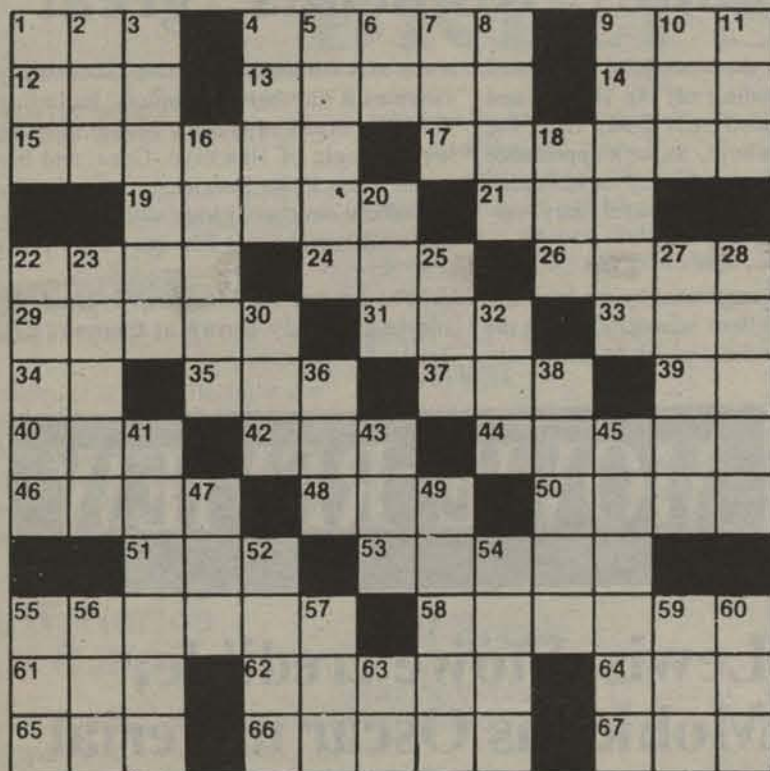
"I wanted a college degree so I could better myself. It was something I needed to do. I hope that my choice of education will be an inspiration for my child to go to college. It has been hard work, but it was worth every bit. I recommend it to anyone."



Robert Brown

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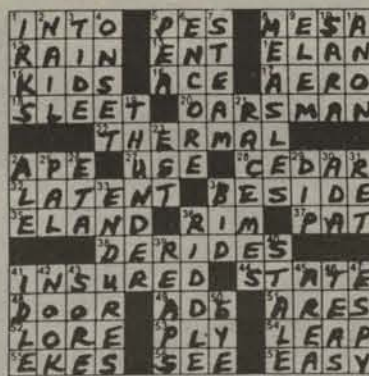
1. Automobile
4. Strip of leather
9. Small bug
12. Poem
13. Topic
14. Digit
15. Bother
17. Religious building
19. Shield
21. Can
22. Festival
24. Paper sack
26. Space organization (abbr.)
29. Build
31. Affirmative
33. Rule
34. Direction (abbr.)

35. Hearing organ
37. Meadow
39. Tantalum symbol
40. Officeholders
42. Disorderly crowd
44. Moving about
46. Dines
48. Stem growth
50. Distinct pitch
51. Direct a weapon
53. 39.37 inches
55. Evening meal
58. Life work
61. 2001 computer
62. Royal
64. Soak flax
65. Before (poetic)
66. Banishment
67. Unit

DOWN

1. Policeman (slang)
2. Lemon drink
3. Sell again
4. Slender stalk
5. Pound
6. Concerning (Latin)
7. Electric current (abbr.)
8. — moss
9. Lacking tone
10. Doze
11. Boston — Party
16. Follow a path
18. Alcoholic beverage
20. — Bolger
22. Spirit
23. Field of conflict
25. Jelly-like
27. Soft material
28. Conscious
30. — o'-shanter
32. Salt water
36. Steal
38. Spring flower
41. Fasten
43. Vagrant
45. Matador
47. Drink delicately
49. Transferred design
52. Nothing more than specified
54. Story
55. Her
56. Formerly Egypt (abbr.)
57. — Allen (cowboy)
59. Even (poetic)
60. Route (abbr.)
63. Enlisted man (abbr.)

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